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Two weeks of Olympics  
end with the Closing  
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Bowling Green State University

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## Ft. Meigs hosts President Bush



By Nicole Delisio  
CITY NEWS EDITOR

Two days before the GOP convention begins, President Bush spoke to a crowd of 15,000 at Fort Meigs, hoping to convince voters.

Following a day-long bus tour in this battleground state, the president acknowledged the support he has seen in Ohio.

"I'll tell you what I think. (With) these crowds we've seen, there's no doubt in my mind with your help we'll carry Ohio and win a great victory in November," Bush said.

Bush encouraged the crowd to get friends and family to the polls in November, and vote for him if they want a better country.

He explained that Americans need to look back at the past few years only to determine who is best to lead them forward. He believes there is more work to be done to improve the country.

One area Bush mentioned improving is America's school system. He explained that when his term began schools were pushing students through without learning the basics, and he challenged the low expectations.

"We raised the standards," he said. "Because we believe every child can learn to read, and write, and add and subtract."

Bush intends to ensure each school has enough science and math programs to help students prosper. He also believes the rising generation will have enough skills to succeed in the global world if he is re-elected.

Ben Swanger BG News

**CAMPAIGNING:** President Bush waves goodbye to 15,000 fans Saturday evening at Fort Meigs in Perrysburg. Bush, wrapping up his bus tour of the state, spoke on such issues as medicare, the war in Iraq, social security and many other issues. He finished his tour of the state before heading to the Republican national convention tomorrow in New York City.

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### BG NEWS

#### BRIEFING

##### On-the-Go meal plan explained by Dining Services

Staff in University Dining Services wants to clarify that the BG On-the-Go meal plan is only offered to off-campus students and students living in off-campus housing that does not require a meal plan.

It can be used to buy food and beverages anywhere on campus, except in vending machines.

Students can get the meal plan by going to the Bursar's office and filling out an application. The cost is \$250, unused money now rolls over to the next semester and money can be added to the plan in \$50 increments. For more information call 419-372-7933.

##### Explosion kills 7 at U. S. firm in Kabul

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — A powerful car bomb detonated outside the office of a U.S. security contractor in the Afghan capital Sunday, killing at least seven people, including two Americans, and wounding several others, officials and witnesses said.

## Two Ohio residents killed on Turnpike during storm

### Couple hydroplane during declared state of emergency.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A late-summer storm system rushed through rural northeast Ohio on Saturday, ripping houses from their foundations, tearing a 65-foot deep crater into a road, and causing an accident that killed a couple on the Ohio Turnpike, authorities said.

David P. Martin and Laura L. Martin, both 50 and residents of Plain City in central Ohio, where killed when their car hydroplaned on roadway water during a heavy rainfall about 9:25 a.m. south of Youngstown, near the eastern end of the toll road.

The State Highway Patrol said the eastbound vehicle ran off the road, crossed the median and hit a westbound truck filled with gravel. The truck flipped over and dumped its load, forcing a shutdown of the turnpike during the cleanup.

The truck driver, David E. Kaminski, 36, of Ravenna, escaped injury.

Gov. Bob Taft declared a state of emergency in Columbiana County, the hardest hit area. He said the state would help

clear storm debris from roads and help deliver 3,000 gallons of drinking water to Lisbon, where flooding broke the main water line to the village.

Five highways in the Lisbon area were flooded or closed because of storm debris.

Rushing water left a hole about 65 feet deep and 125 feet wide in state Route 45 near Salem in Columbiana County, and a car that plunged into the crater landed on its top in a creek. The two people inside the car were not hurt, said Lt. William Thompson of the State Highway Patrol's Lisbon post.

"We're not sure if they were on the road when it washed away or if they drove over the cliff down into the ravine," Thompson said.

Rising water swept away part of the entrance roadway to Guilford Lake State Park, located in Columbiana County southwest of Youngstown.

"It was nonstop rain and thunder and lightning," said Bob Hum, campground manager at the state park. As for the damaged road, "The guardrail is hanging in midair," Hum said.

About two dozen campers checked out of the 40-camp-site location Saturday. Water covered the sand leading to a swimming beach.

Six inches of rain fell between 10 p.m. Friday and 4 a.m. Saturday on this area about 60 miles southeast of Cleveland, and more heavy rain was possible through Sunday, according to the National Weather Service.

Columbiana County Sheriff David Smith said several homes were pulled off their foundations, forcing about 60 people to sleep on cots and the floor at a shelter set up at David Anderson High School in Lisbon.

One man was presumed dead when his home was carried off, but he was found in a tree unhurt, authorities said.

"One minute the creek was rising slowly and the next minute it was a total disaster," Smith said.

Federal disaster officials were determining property damage estimates, he said.

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DAVID SMITH, COLUMBIANA COUNTY SHERIFF



Mic Smith AP Photo

**TROPICAL STORM:** Bill Bowman, from Ft. Mill, S.C., braves the strong winds of Tropical Storm Gaston as he walks back from the Sea Cabins Villas pier on the Isle of Palms, S.C. yesterday.

## Storm slams into S.C. with hurricane strength winds

By Bruce Smith  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOUNT PLEASANT, S.C. — Tropical Storm Gaston sloshed ashore in South Carolina Sunday with near hurricane-force wind, spinning sheets of rain that flooded roads as the storm knocked out power to thousands of people.

Gaston made landfall near McClellanville, a small fishing village that was walloped by Hurricane Charley earlier this month when it came ashore for a second time after devastating southwest Florida.

Gov. Mark Sanford declared a state of emergency Sunday and

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### FOUR-DAY FORECAST

The four-day forecast is taken from weather.com

#### TUESDAY



Sunny High: 80°  
Low: 56°

#### WEDNESDAY



Partly Cloudy High: 79°  
Low: 56°

#### THURSDAY



Sunny High: 80°  
Low: 61°

#### FRIDAY



Partly Cloudy High: 76°  
Low: 61°

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## BG NEWS

## BRIEFING

## Theater auditions set for today, tomorrow, sign ups in South Hall

Sign up sheets for auditions for the fall University stage productions of Shakespeare's "Comedy of Errors" and Paula Vogel's "How I Learned to Drive" are currently up on the bulletin board across from the offices of the Theater and Film department in 338 South Hall.

Auditions will be held from 6-10 p.m. today and tomorrow and the room numbers are listed on the sign up sheets. All who want to audition must sign up for an audition slot.

Call-backs will be held the evening of Wednesday, Sept. 1.

Scripts are available for 24-hour check out all this week.

For more information call 419-372-2222.

## Kokosing offered more money to finish project in November

The city of Bowling Green has agreed to pay Kokosing Construction an incentive bonus of \$200,000 if the Wooster Street project is completed by Thanksgiving.

According to an interview with the University's Marketing and Communications office Joe Rutherford, District Two spokesman for the Ohio Department of Transportation thanked the city for providing the bonus.

"The intent of the incentive bonus is to minimize the impact and inconvenience of this construction to the traveling public and to the BGSU community," Rutherford said.

Kokosing will still receive a \$100,000 bonus if the work is finished by next Memorial Day, Rutherford said.

Kokosing accepted the challenge and the completion date is now Nov. 24, 2004 — nine months ahead of the original completion date of August 2005.

BG NEWS  
CORRECTIONS

A headline in Friday's issue erroneously reported that a computer virus was found on campus Thursday.

The University network was slowed Thursday due to an attack involving compromised student computer systems with "back doors" allowing hackers to control the computers from a remote location.

## Bush speaks on war, voting, issues for election

BUSH, FROM PAGE 1

Another area the president hopes to improve is the economy. Bush said that corporate scandals and the World Trade Center attacks have caused many people to lose jobs, but that he believes Americans have persevered through those obstacles, partially because of his tax cuts.

"We said if you're paying taxes, you oughta get relief," Bush said. "We did it the fair way. We also raised the child credit to help families. We reduced the marriage penalty... Because we acted our economy's been growing at rates as fast as any in nearly 20 years. We've added 1.5 million new jobs over the past 12 months."

A second Bush administration will create proper conditions for job growth, Bush said, stating that Americans need to depend less on foreign sources of energy to be successful.

"In order to keep jobs here in America; in order to make sure this economy grows; in order to make sure people are able to realize their dreams, we need to be wise about how we spend your money, and we need to keep your taxes low," Bush said.

Bush discussed Senator John Kerry's alleged promises of over \$2 trillion in new programs. He lamented that Kerry intends to get this money by taxing the wealthy.

Another issue Bush called Kerry out on was national security. He assured the crowd he will not let the world drift toward tragedy by showing uncertainty.

Bush explained that because of America's defense in Afghanistan post 9/11, Afghanistan is now a rising democracy.

"Because we acted, over ten million citizens in Afghanistan have registered to vote in the upcoming presidential election," Bush said. "Because we acted, many young girls go to school for the first time in Afghanistan. Because we acted, we now have an ally in the war on terror. Because we acted, America and the world are safer."

The president explained he looked at Saddam Hussein's history and intelligence records

and saw a threat. He said that members of the United Nations, Congress and both parties, including Kerry, voted for the use of force if need be.

Bush lamented Kerry's multiple opinions on the war.

"He now agrees it was the right decision to go into Iraq. After months of questioning my motives, and even my credibility, my opponent now agrees with me that even though we haven't found the stockpiles we thought we would find, knowing everything we know today he would've voted to go into Iraq and remove Saddam Hussein from power. I appreciate him for clearing that up. But however, I want to warn you, there's still a little over 60 days for him to change his mind."

Bush stressed that negotiating with terrorists is not possible — rather America must pursue them elsewhere so they are not dealt with in the homeland.

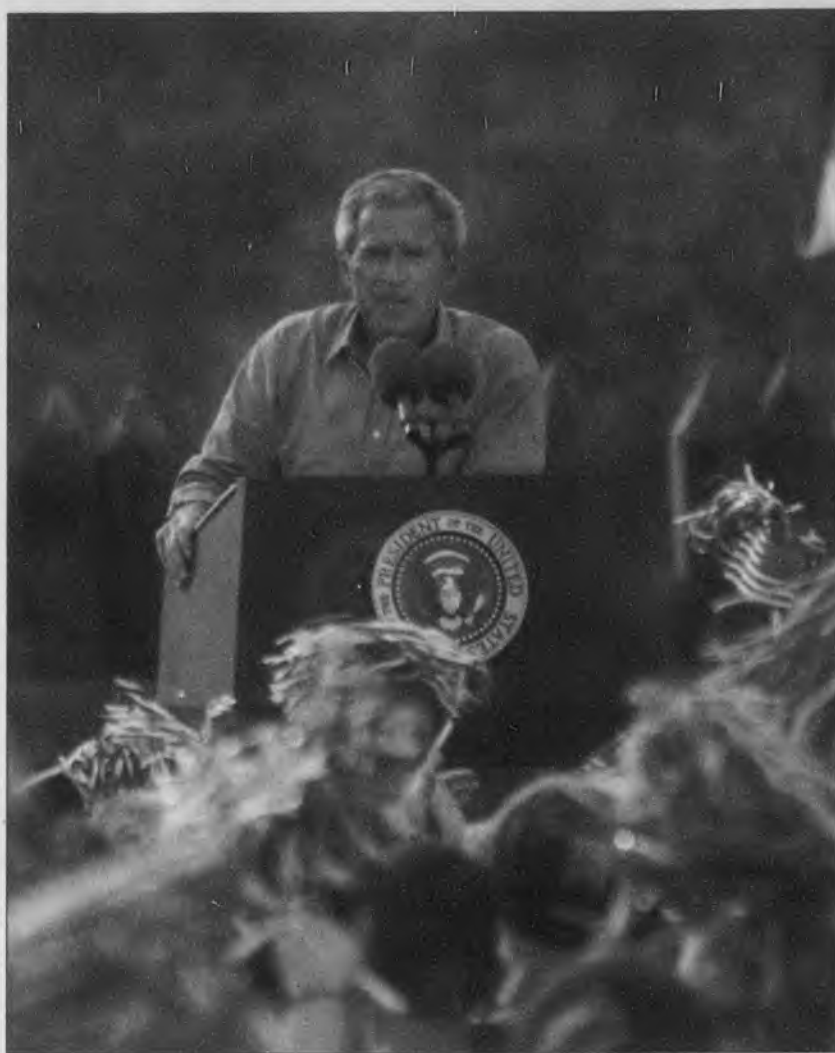
The president also stated his support of America's military. His administration will make sure the troops complete the Iraqi mission as quickly as possible.

He thanked the veterans for setting a good example. He explained that congress and the senate supported his \$87 billion proposal for the troops, and complained that Kerry showed mixed emotions about this.

"Only 12 United States senators voted against the funding for our troops. Two of them are my opponent and his running mate," he said as the crowd laughed. "So they asked him, they said, 'how can you not support our troops in combat?' He said, 'I actually did vote for the \$87 billion before I voted against it.' I don't think many people talk that way here in Ohio."

State senator Randy Gardner ran the event, which also included speeches from state representative Bob Latta, congressman Larry Kazala, Wood County Commissioner President Jim Carter and state auditor Betty Montgomery. Country singer LeeAnn Womack made a surprise appearance.

The candidates discussed former president Reagan's 1984 appearance in Perrysburg and



Ben Swanger BG News

**IN OHIO:** The crowd of 15,000 cheer as President Bush speaks at Fort Meigs in Perrysburg. The crowd waved pompons and banners and chanted such things as "Four more years" throughout the speech. Bush urged Ohio voters to support him in his re-election campaign.

related it to the Bush appearance.

"Perrysburg and northwest Ohio gave President Ronald Reagan a great welcome, and from that day forward the campaign took off and went on to win one of the greatest presidential victories in American history. Can we do that again for George W. Bush?"

Gardner asked the crowd.

Womack entertained the crowd by singing four songs, including her hit "I Hope You Dance," and a rendition of "This Land."

Latta said supreme court and court of appeals appointments are made by the president, and encouraged them to vote not only in this election, but in

future elections.

"We've got to make sure we have George W. Bush making those appointments, and making sure throughout the next five years, or ten years, or 20 or 25 years down the road we have the right people in there interpreting the laws, not making them for us," he said.

## Residents on East coast moved for hurricane

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encouraged "folks to stay in their homes for the time being so that damage assessment crews, utility truck crews and debris removal crews can do their jobs."

As much as eight inches of rain had fallen along some parts of the coast by midday, and a

flash flood watch was in effect. Hundreds of residents were urged to evacuate ahead of the storm.

Hours after the eye of Gaston came ashore, steady sheets of rain pelted Mount Pleasant. Tree limbs littered flooded roadways, some of which were impassable.

Palmettos were pushed to the pavement and road signs twisted in the wind.

Across the harbor in Charleston, Gaston flooded streets and pushed over power poles. At least 125,000 people were without power at the height of the storm.

The rain tapered off along the coast by midday, but blustery wind still raked the coastline near Charleston and intersections throughout the area had no traffic lights.

"The important thing is that we don't have any false sense of safety that it's all over," said Charleston's mayor, Joseph P. Riley Jr. "We have downed trees and often times there are power lines under those downed trees."

By midday, Gaston was moving north about 8 mph toward inland South Carolina, weakening along the way but still prompting flood watches and warnings of wind gusts as high as 60 mph.

Charleston County officials

said there was only one initial report of a serious injury — a resident injured when a tree fell on a home.

"It just goes to show that the residents took the proper precautions that they needed to take and shows they were prepared," said Roland Windham, the Charleston County administrator.

Residents in low-lying areas in Charleston and Georgetown counties were urged to move to higher ground before the storm hit. Authorities also asked people living in mobile homes to evacuate.

"We hope we don't experience any more injuries during the cleanup," Windham said. "That's typically when you see a lot of injuries occur."

John Legare of the state Emergency Management agency said about 30 people had sought refuge in five shelters in coastal counties as Gaston approached. Shelters were opened in at least one inland county.

Gaston — the hurricane season's seventh named storm — had maximum sustained winds of 70 mph when it hit land but was down to 45 mph by early afternoon. Forecasters said the weakened storm could reach North Carolina by Sunday night.

Legare said the storm had picked up speed, which could mean less flooding.

"The faster it moves, the less chance it has to rain," Legare said. "But until it has passed through, I don't think we can say flooding is not a concern."

In the Atlantic Ocean, meanwhile, Hurricane Frances had sustained winds of 135 mph about 550 miles east of the Leeward Islands in the southeastern Caribbean.

The National Hurricane Center in Miami said people from Cuba to the southeastern United States should closely monitor the progress of the storm, which could strengthen on Sunday and threaten land by Labor Day weekend.

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Dance Marathon core committee applications are now available for this year's event. Students can find applications in all the residence halls, the office of Campus involvement office in 401 Union and the Dance Marathon office in 417 Union. The applications are due to the dance Marathon office by 4 p.m. on Friday, September 10.

www.bgnews.com/campus

# CAMPUS

## Menigitis vaccines required by schools

Thirty-one states now make freshman get vaccination shot, Bowling Green freshman included.

By Bob Groves

HACKENSACK, N.J. — For the price of a pair of sneakers, John Kach probably could have saved his fingers and legs.

Kach, a college student in Rhode Island, believes vaccination against meningitis would have kept him from contracting the bacterial illness — most likely in his dormitory — that led to the loss of his limbs four years ago. If only he had gotten that shot, which costs about \$85.

"I went to the doctor's office for a physical. They recommended getting vaccinated, but they didn't have vaccine at the office," Kach said during a recent teleconference sponsored by the federal Centers for Disease Control and the National Meningitis Association.

"I figured, meningitis, whatever... I went to school and didn't get (immunized) there," he said. "I played basketball, had a good time. I didn't get to it. I regret it."

Every year, about 125 college students like Kach contract meningitis, and five to 15 of them die. The risk of dying is six times higher for students in dormitories, particularly freshmen, according to the American College Health Association. Up to 80 percent of those college cases are preventable with vaccine, the organization said.

In general, the vaccine is 85 percent to 100 percent effective in preventing meningitis in older

children and adults.

This year, New Jersey joins 30 other states that require all freshmen and transfer students who plan to live in college campus housing either to be immunized against meningitis — which New Jersey's law does — or to be educated about the disease, before they start school.

New Jersey and Connecticut have the toughest college meningitis immunization state laws in the country, according to the National Meningitis Association. Rep. Robert E. Andrews, D-N.J., has sponsored a similar federal bill in Congress.

New Jersey's law will affect about 37,000 students living in dormitories at four-year colleges, said Marilyn Riley, spokeswoman for the state Department of Health and Senior Services. Last year, there were 29 cases of meningitis in New Jersey, including seven victims between the ages of 18 and 25 years old, Riley said. Four of the 29 patients — all men, and ranging in age from 23 to 72 years old — died.

There have been 20 cases of meningitis in New Jersey so far this year. Six people have died, including a 5-year-old girl who died in July at a day camp. Fellow campers and workers were given antibiotics as a precaution, and there were no other cases.

Meningitis is a form of meningococcal disease that inflames the membranes of the brain and spinal cord. Another form, meningococemia, infects the blood. Meningococcal disease strikes about 2,500 Americans every year, causing death in up to 15 percent of cases.

The deadly, contagious bacterial bug is carried in small droplets. It can be spread by a



Danielle P. Richards KRT Photo

**VACCINATION REQUIRED:** Freshman Corey Kotkin receives his mandatory meningitis vaccine from Joan Cann, a nurse at Fairleigh Dickinson

kiss, a cough, a drink, a smoke, a sneeze — especially in close quarters, such as a college dorm. Bacterial meningitis can cause brain damage, hearing loss and learning disability.

There is also a viral form of the disease, which is less severe and usually resolves without specific treatment.

John Kach, the Rhode Island college student who survived meningitis, had a far more severe case. One day in 2000, Kach was in his dorm when he developed flu-like symptoms that included vomiting and a 104-degree temperature. When he was no better the next morning, his girlfriend took him to a hospital.

He developed red and purple blotches on his arms and back.

A blood test showed he had 10 times the normal number of white cells, which fight infection. His lungs and kidneys were shutting down.

"My blood was curdling, like milk," recalled Kach, who developed gangrene in his hands and legs. Eventually, doctors had to amputate most of his fingers and both his legs below the knee.

"The possibility of meningitis is reduced. It's one less thing to worry about," he said. "It's only \$80. It's a pair of sneakers."

There is no grace period, once school starts, for dormitory residents to get their shots, said Joan Cann, a nurse and patient care coordinator at Fairleigh Dickinson in Teaneck, N.J.

## get a life

The calendar of events is taken from <http://events.bgsu.edu/>

8:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.

"Fowl Faces"

Come view the work of BGSU alum, Kurt Reichert. His exhibit, entitled "Fowl Faces," showcases some interesting photography. The exhibit runs through September 3.

Student Union Galleries

10 A.M. - 3 P.M.

BGSURVE Info. Table

Student Union

9 A.M. - 4 P.M.

Rugby Recruitment

Sponsored by Men's Rugby

Student Union

10 A.M. - 6 P.M.

Chess Club Recruitment

Student Union

10 A.M. - 5 P.M.

College Democrats Info Table

Student Union

11 A.M. - 2 P.M.

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship Info. Table

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship will be

publicizing their organization, their activities, and their meetings

Student Union

12 P.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Prayer Meeting

We will guide people in praying for certain things or allow them to share what they would like prayer for

Prout Chapel

4 P.M.

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the opportunity to visit with

academic advisors involved

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## QUOTE/UNQUOTE

"Is it true every time I use ketchup, your wife gets a nickel?"

JON STEWART, host of Comedy Central's "The Daily Show," in an interview with presidential hopeful John Kerry on his wife, Teresa, heiress to the Heinz ketchup fortune.

(Associated Press)

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# OPINION

STAFF EDITORIAL | UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS-ARLINGTON

## Show some classroom courtesy

There are some issues in life more pressing than others such as working, sleeping and eating. Being courteous and mature isn't exactly necessary for survival, but it definitely makes life more enjoyable for everyone.

There are many ways this involves students, and one of the most important is being respectful to lecturers and other students in class.

Many people here seem to have no clue how to behave in a classroom. Consistent tardiness

is a problem, but it becomes more of one when the late student walks right in front of the professor to take a seat, or when the noise of someone getting books and papers organized is louder than the lecture.

Walking behind the professor, around the back of the classroom or taking a seat near the door is not only the polite thing to do, but it shows respect for the professor and the other students, and that you take the class seriously.

A few years ago, talking on a cell phone in class was completely unheard of. Now, it seems like a common practice. Some people actually answer their phones and leave the room to talk.

Even if they don't answer, the annoying ring announcing a call disturbs the entire class and is very rude to the professor.

Except for emergency personnel on-call, no one's phone calls are so important that they should disrupt class and show blatant disrespect toward the instructor.

Of course there are times when someone forgets to turn their phone off — it happens to everyone. But it happens much too often for that to be the case every time. If you absolutely can't go an hour without talking on the phone, don't go to class.

Complaints about instructors should be directed toward department heads or expressed in evaluations at the end of the semester. Whining in class annoys others and is just plain mean.

Believe it or not, faculty members have feelings, too.

Whether you like their teaching style or not, professors have the degrees, the knowledge and the experience, and you may have to adjust your study habits for certain classes.

Not every professor will give you the precise test questions and answers in class. Asking "Will this be on the test?" is like saying "I don't care about what you have to say or what we need to learn in this class, I just want

to get a good grade."

This is college — grow up and learn to do some work.

Maybe people act this way because professors and other students tolerate the lack of courtesy. Maybe they just don't realize they are being rude.

Either way, school and the rest of life would be much better for everyone if people would stop to think just for a minute and try to treat others the way they want to be treated.

## What America should be about

SAM ADAMS

Guest Columnist

Seeing as how 2004 is an election year and we are in the middle of election fever, I would like to submit to you and the world my view of what America should be, my voice and my beliefs. I feel that although not everyone agrees with these beliefs, they are important and are seriously being contested in today's politics. I want every voter and non-voter to read these and then decide for themselves what they believe, and choose the leader that they feel is best for this country.

Signed on July 4, 1776, the Declaration of Independence outlined the goal of the newly forming United States; the most important line in this article states: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

At the end of this sentence there is no footnote, citation or other reference that affects what is meant by this, yet the current administration seems to have added one, one that now reads, "among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness, except gays, blacks, poor, middle class, children, and women."

Our nation is not one founded for protecting the majority of Americans, but for protecting the minority, a fact that has been tainted in my America. Recently, conservatives have pushed to ban gay marriage, impeding the unalienable right to pursue happiness. In my America all families, be it interracial, homosexual or a man and a woman, are equals.

Conservatives throughout history have fought some of the most progressive actions in our nation, ranging from a woman's right to vote to segregation. President Bush in a recent speech on gay marriage stated, "We're just doing what the majority of Americans want us to do." Well I say this: The majority of Americans were OK with a separate but equal policy regarding race relations, but despite this John F. Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson required desegregation.

In my America every American has the right to vote, in this America during the 2000 election a majority of African Americans were prevented from voting, being targeted as convicted felons, all because they were likely to vote for Gore. The Republican Party targeted the African American specifically; the right to Liberty was ignored.

In my America the poor and middle class are given the assistance they need to make our nation stronger, and handed the educational opportunities that our parents were not given. Today the No Child Left Behind Act has single-handedly crippled many school systems; the unfunded program adds an enormous strain to state budgets that are at their breaking points. College tuition has increased dramatically while the Federal Pell Grant has been reduced. Insurance companies have the right to revoke benefits at their whim against disabled Americans; the government allows them to do this.

In my America a woman is the only one who should be able to make a choice as to whether she will have an abortion or not. In this nation the Republican Party wishes to ban abortion and the woman's right to choose. Take into account the amount of women who

would perform abortions themselves, or try to have a miscarriage if abortion were outlawed; this would be unsafe and dangerous. You can outlaw it, but that doesn't mean the practice will stop. In my America the choice belongs to the woman.

In my America our nation will never go to war because we want to, only because we have to. The war in Iraq is unjustified, our search for WMDs has turned up nothing, and the president guaranteed us they were there. He lied to the nation — need I remind the world that when President Clinton lied about some illicit activities in the oval office he was impeached, and that no one was killed by the "cigar incident." To date, over 900 U.S. troops have been killed in Iraq for the purpose of seizing weapons that never existed. People argue that if you were the president and you were given the same intelligence that you would have attacked too. The point I want to make is this: while we "suspected" that Saddam had weapons, North Korea was waving them in our face, and we did nothing.

There are many more issues that are relevant but these are some of my key concerns. I ask which America would you rather live in, mine or theirs?

I leave you with the next sentence of the Declaration of Independence, "That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness."

On November 2nd, alter the government. Be the change you want to see.

## PEOPLE ON THE STREET

What should be the new Olympic sport?



JOE HILT  
FRESHMAN,  
COMPUTER SCIENCE

"Duck, Duck, Goose."



MITCH DRELLISHAK  
FRESHMAN, UNDECIDED

"Capture the Flag."



MATT GOLIAS  
FRESHMAN, MARKETING

"Chutes and Ladders."



MARTHA DANIEL  
FRESHMAN, UNDECIDED

"Flip Cup."

## It's not just black guys that can run

AT ISSUE: Jeremy Wariner's gold in the 400-meter disproves the stereotype that white people are slow.

The United States' Jeremy Wariner recently won the gold medal in the men's 400-meter with a personal best of 44 seconds, which is not too far off from the record held by Michael Johnson with 43.18 seconds. There are many comparisons between Johnson and Wariner — they both had the same coach, which may explain some of the similarities, though there is one main difference.

Wariner is white. He is the first white American to win a gold in the Olympics in a sprinting event since Mike Larabee in 1964.

There has been a lot of controversy surrounding Wariner since he won the gold. People seem to be talking more about his race than his abilities. Grenada's Alleyne Francique placed fourth in the 400 behind Americans Otis Harris and Derek Brew. When Francique was asked about Wariner's performance, he said, "I've never seen a white man run that fast. It was a blazing race, man. The kid is good."

Perhaps it is a stereotype that sprinting events are primarily dominated by minorities, but Wariner seems to be erasing the stereotype. "It doesn't matter what race you are, it's just ability," Wariner said when asked about being white and winning the gold. "I've had a great coach, and he knows what he is doing."

Though the fact of the matter is, in this day in age, it does matter. If it is a stereotype that minorities primarily dominate sprinting events, it's one Wariner is breaking. And it is a big deal when a white sprinter wins the gold not only because he is white, but because it hasn't been done for 40 years.

Wariner's teammate Otis Harris also agrees that this can only have a positive effect. "It's definitely a good thing when you start to break down stereotypes on the African-American side, on the white side, or any side. When you break down stereotypes, it's the right thing to do."



STEVE SCHLESSMAN

Opinion Columnist

Maybe there is a different underlying reason why minorities dominate sprinting events. When individuals don't have the funds to further their education, the one way to pay for schooling is by athletics. I personally know a few people that if they did not get a athletic scholarship, there would be no way to pay for their school. When you want something bad enough, there is that drive. And if you are that determined, you will not let anything stand in your way.

That is why I think Wariner won, because he wanted it more than anyone else.

Along with a certain amount of talent and a great coach, anything is possible. Do you think it is a coincidence that Johnson, who broke the world record, has the same coach Wariner does? All I have to say is coach Hart must be doing something right.

Another reason why there may not be so many good white sprinters is because they feel that minorities dominate the sport. Some feel they will not succeed because they see all these minority sprinters winning events and do not feel that it is possible to be as good as them. Hopefully Wariner has shown those people it is not a matter of race.

When it comes down to race in sports, some minorities do dominate certain sports, no matter which way you look at it. So when an athlete breaks the race barrier in a sport, it is significant in many ways. It shows us that anyone at any time can surprise us and break the barrier for the better of all of us and show that it does not matter the color of your skin — just the determination in your heart.

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### BRIEFING

#### Weekly football radio show begins Monday

THE BG NEWS

The Falcon's Nest with Gregg Brandon Radio Show will expand to one hour this season and will air live from the BG Fricker's locations every Monday from 6 to 7 p.m.

The show will air on the BGSU radio network and will feature a recap of the previous game, a preview of the upcoming opponent and questions from the audience.

The show will also include player interviews and conversations with opposing coaches.

## Football ready to take on Sooners



ELLIOTT SCHREINER  
Old Blue Eyes

When I first arrived on this campus, the idea would've been near laughable.

Anyone who even thought the Bowling Green State University Falcons would ever have a chance against Oklahoma in their season opener would've been instantly committed to a mental hospital.

That is because when I first showed up here, the Falcons had yet to fully utilize the talents of Josh Harris. Former coach Urban Meyer had yet to fully utilize his motivational skills. And current coach Gregg Brandon had yet to utilize his skills as an offensive mastermind.

The year before I arrived, the Falcons finished the season with a 2-9 record, and ended the year with their tail between their legs after receiving a 51-17 shellacking from rival Toledo.

The offense mustered just 15.8 points per game while gaining just over 260 yards per game.

The defense didn't fare much better, giving up 26.3 points per game and placing little pressure on opposing offenses.

Things didn't look much better for the 2001 season when, not only I but, Urban Meyer arrived on campus.

Meyer brought a new attitude with him and eventually got the offense rolling.

The spread offense opened up the field for the Falcons, who finished the year racking up 383 yards per game on offense which translated to over 30 points per game on the scoreboard.

Even better yet, BG finished the year 8-3 and clubbed Toledo 56-21 to close out Mid-American Conference play that season.

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BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY

## Soccer splits two in tourney

Coppes scores six goals to set a Bowling Green record against Duquesne on Friday.

By Danielle Tanner  
SPORTS REPORTER

The BG women's soccer team split a pair of games in this weekend's Falcon Classic. After a 7-3 victory over Duquesne University on Friday, the squad fell to Pittsburgh in a 2-0 loss.

The highlight of the weekend

came in Friday's game, as senior forward Kristy Coppes scored an impressive six goals to break the Mid-American Conference record for goals scored in a single match.

Samantha Meister also scored for BG in Friday's game.

On Sunday, the rain stopped just in time for the opening kickoff, but the wet field conditions left both teams struggling to gain good footing and track down bad bounces. Just 7:32 in to the game, Pittsburgh forward Kristina Francois trapped

a well-placed cross from teammate Rachel Vecchio and sent it past BG keeper Ali Shingler for the first goal of the game.

The Falcons had few quality chances to score, as Pittsburgh played solid defense and a strong possession game. Both sides played aggressively, with BG committing five fouls to Pittsburgh's one in the first half.

With just under seven minutes left to play in the half, Pittsburgh's Katie Surma sent a long cross into BG's box where Vecchio trapped it and buried

it near post to put the Panthers up 2-0.

With less than a minute left, BG had a corner kick. The Falcons packed the box with players, but were not able to convert as time ran out.

"We were disappointed in the way we performed in the first half," head coach Andy Richards said. "It wasn't a lack of effort, it was a lack of good ideas and good decisions."

The team made some changes at the break, including starting the second half with keeper

Jenifer Kernahan in goal, and saw their play improve in the final half.

While neither team scored in the second half, BG made several offensive runs but couldn't seem to put together a scoring attack. Defensively, the Falcons stopped the drives of Francois and Vecchio, who attacked the box with dangerous speed.

"The second half we had a much better performance. I was pleased with the adjustments we

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## Olympics comes to a close

All goes smoothly and the ceremonies were rightly honored this year in Athens.

By Steve Wilstein  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Efharisto!

A nervous world learned the Greek word for thank you and repeated it endlessly at an astonishingly successful Athens Olympics that quelled fears, surprised skeptics and greatly honored the birthplace of the games.

Efharisto, Athens, for architectural masterpieces of stadiums and arenas that showcased record performances. The fountain sprays, reflecting pools and soaring arches. The undulating, giant white Wall of Nations that caught the whispering wind, bringing music to our ears and smiles to our faces.

Efharisto for the thousands of security forces who stood guard day and night, keeping terrorism away. An undercurrent of danger, a sense of tranquility. We saw guns everywhere, walked in peace.

Fireworks and spectacular lighting kicked off the closing ceremony Sunday night, an extravaganza of folk dancing and music in the Olympic tradition that summed up the glee and relief the games brought to Greece. Shortly afterward, thousands of athletes marched into the stadium, waving their arms and flags, snapping photos of each other and bathing in



Petros Giannakouris AP Photo

**CLOSING UP SHOP:** Fireworks are seen on the sky above the Athens' Olympic stadium during the closing ceremony of Athens 2004 Olympic Games late yesterday.

the cheers of 70,000 fans.

"You have won," International Olympic Committee president Jacques Rogge told the Greek people in prepared remarks for the finale. "You have won by brilliantly meeting the tough challenge of holding the games."

"These were unforgettable, dream games." He was right, even if they started slowly the first week with empty seats and vacant plazas as many Greeks took their holidays and frightened tourists stayed away. The second week saw the games transformed. The huge Olympic stadium was packed each night for track

and field. Basketball, tennis and beach volleyball rocked.

There had been no shortage of worries that Athens would not be ready for these games. As late as March 2000, the IOC considered moving the Olympics out of Greece, possibly to South Korea.

"It's always nice to underpromise and overdeliver," said Jim Easton, an American IOC vice president.

Athletes who finished their events partied, roaming the Plaka, Syntagma and Omonia squares. It was Greece at its rollicking best, a spirited fusion of visitors from all countries, and

of all colors and ages. It reminded us again, at a time when we need all the reminding we can get, that the Olympics celebrate humanity's highest aspirations, the universal quest for peace and the exalted qualities of body, mind and spirit that transcend cultures.

Efharisto, Athens, for coupling the ancient with the new, putting up with years of jarring construction, spending billions beyond your budget, and giving us a glimpse of your future as a sophisticated, modern city.

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## Women garner the gold

By Chuck Schoffner  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Three teammates, three Olympics, three gold medals. Dawn Staley, Lisa Leslie, Sheryl Swoopes.

They've flown thousands of miles together, ridden countless buses, played dozens of games.

So there they were, celebrating with the unbridled joy of children at play, huddled under Old Glory as if it were a sheltering tent. They skipped around the court with their U.S. teammates, laughing and giggling and soaking up the adulation.

In what was Staley's last Olympics game — and perhaps Swoopes', too — the United States shook off early shooting woes and sloppy play to claim its third straight Olympic title on Saturday, a 74-63 victory over Australia.

"It's hard for me to think about suiting up without Dawn or Sheryl," Leslie said. "It's amazing to have these two players out there on the court."

The Americans won it by turning up the defense, crashing the boards harder in the second half and, most importantly, finding their shooting touch.

This was a team in every sense of the word, the most dominant in women's basketball.

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## Men's B-ball saves face, wins bronze

By Chris Sheridan  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The U.S. men's basketball team can console itself with two things: third place, and the highest point total of the Olympic tournament.

The Americans took the bronze-medal game seriously Saturday night and earned some revenge in a 104-96 victory over Lithuania.

Although they didn't get what they wanted in Athens, they didn't embarrass themselves in their finale, either.

"You want to win the whole thing, but you've got to cherish the fact that you were able to win something," Allen Iverson said. "You come all the way over here to Greece and then go home with nothing? That's a lot worse."

Defeating one of three teams that beat them earlier in the tournament, the Americans got 22 points from Shawn Marion, 15 from Iverson and 14 apiece from Lamar Odom and Stephon Marbury.

Just like their quarterfinal victory over Spain, the key factor was outside shooting. After missing all five of their 3-point attempts

in the first half, the Americans made eight in the second half. Four came in a fourth quarter that the U.S. team closed by scoring 21 of the final 35 points.

The 104 points was the most by any team in the men's tournament, topping the 102 the U.S. team scored against Spain two nights earlier.

"I think we ought to be real positive about them and what they did, the commitment they made and the sacrifice they made," U.S. coach Larry Brown said. "I said this before: This is the greatest time I ever had as a coach, and I don't know if I've ever been more proud of a group of people after tonight than this group. It has not been easy."

The start of the game was delayed 48 minutes after both teams arrived wearing white uniforms. It also included a second half that started with no coaches on the American bench: Brown emerged from the tunnel 50 seconds after play had started, and his assistants beat him out by only 30 seconds.

"They changed the clock on us, and I've got two new hips," the 63-year-old Brown said.

"We were in a slow jog trying to get here."

Strange stuff, but not quite as weird as the Americans dropping three games after they had lost only two in the previous 68 years. It's the first time since pro players were added for the 1992 Dream Team that the United States is going home without gold.

For the Lithuanian team, the defeat was the second in a row after it won its first six games. The loss denied them a fourth consecutive bronze medal.

"In general, fourth place is very good for a country like ours, but to lose the last two games hurts," Sarunas Jasikevicius said. "Could have been better, could have been worse, I guess."

The Americans were saying pretty much the same thing.

Wearing red after their replacement uniforms arrived before Lithuania's, the Americans opened an early 22-13 lead and created fast-break opportunities with their pressure defense. But Lithuania answered with three consecutive 3-pointers — one of which became a four-point play — to take a 23-22 lead.

Tim Duncan stared at the

referees in disbelief after his first foul, just as he had after almost every call against him during the tournament. When he was whistled for another moments later on what appeared to be a good call, he stood along the lane with his back to the basket and the referee while a Lithuanian player took his free throws.

Duncan stayed on the bench for the entire second quarter, which ended with the Americans ahead 49-44 after forcing 13 turnovers and making eight steals.

"I am about 95 percent sure my FIBA career is over," Duncan said, using the acronym for the sport's international governing body. "I'll try not to share my experiences with anyone."

Lithuania started hitting 3-pointers and opened a 65-58 lead in the third quarter before the United States came back with an 8-0 run. Duncan went to the bench with his fourth foul with 2:02 remaining in the third quarter and the score 67-67, and the Americans led 83-82 when he returned with 6:08 left.

A pair of 3-pointers by Marion and Odom came during a 9-3 run that put the Americans up



Michael Conroy AP Photo

**SLAMMED HOME:** USA's Shawn Marion makes a dunk against Lithuania Saturday. Marion led the Americans with 22 points.

for good, and their defense held Lithuania to just seven points in the final three minutes.

Lithuania went 21-for-37 on 3-pointers but committed 20 turnovers and 27 fouls.

"We wanted gold, but I'm taking anything right now. That's the way it is," Marion said.

"Everybody wants to play for the gold. To come back and be motivated for (the bronze) was a big challenge for all of us. We had to dig deep inside of us. We did tonight. At least we'll go home with something. We won't go home empty-handed."



# Dramatic finish for Cleveland

By Doug Tucker  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

It was a night for rookies and second-teamers to take center stage — especially on the last play.

Rookie quarterback Luke McCown hit rookie Richard Alston with a 34-yard TD pass with no time left Saturday night, lifting Cleveland past Kansas City 21-19.

McCown, a fourth-round pick out of Louisiana Tech, engineered an eight-play, 80-yard drive in the final 1 minute, 39 seconds. He also hit C.J. Jones for 37 yards in the drive.

The Browns also got a 7-yard TD pass from McCown to backup tight end Darnell Sanders with 3:40 to go.

Before McCown's final march, Kansas City's second team offense had come to the top after the starters failed for the first time in three exhibition games to score a TD.

Backup quarterback Todd Collins hit 12 of 14 passes for 145 yards and engineered two third-quarter TD drives to put the Chiefs on top 19-14.

Collins found rookie wide receiver Richard Smith on a 21-yard strike to fuel a nine-



**TAKING SIX:** Cleveland running back Lee Suggs crosses the goal line during the second quarter of a 21-19 win over the Kansas City Chiefs.

play, 64-yard march on his first possession, capped by a 9-yard scoring pass to Derrick Byrdlock.

A few minutes later, he hooked

up with Chris Horn on a sideline pattern that went 50 yards. An additional 15 yards were tacked on for a roughing-the-passer

penalty against Sherrod Coates, setting up a first down on the 15.

Four plays later, Collins found fullback Omar Easy wide open in the corner for a 4-yard TD strike that made it 19-7 with 54 seconds to go in the third period.

The Chiefs (1-2), weakened by injuries to starting wide receivers Eddie Kennison and Johnnie Morton, lost backup Marc Boerigter to a knee injury in the first half.

Boerigter was helped off the field, as was Browns tight end Steve Heiden, who sustained a sprained knee a short time later.

In their summer-long battle to see who'll be Cleveland's starting running back, William Green had 53 yards on just three carries and Lee Suggs had 31 on four.

The Cleveland offense, which has emphasized the run throughout the preseason, rushed for 90 yards in the first half. In the first team's only touchdown drive, Green broke loose for 42 yards to the Kansas City 23.

Then following a 5-yard penalty, Suggs got an outstanding downfield block from wide receiver Quincy Morgan and went 28 yards for the TD.

# Falcons improve over three years

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The team was clearly on the up and up.

The 2002 version of the Falcons finally put BG on the map nationally and featured one of the most high powered offenses in the country and one of the stingiest defenses in the MAC. Thanks to an 8-0 start, the team found themselves as high as No. 16 in the coaches poll and No. 20 in the AP poll.

But a 1-3 finish to the season left a sour taste in the Falcon's mouth as once again they were unable to capture a MAC West title.

2003 would be the year of the Falcon's first MAC West title.

With the help of big play receivers Cole Magnier and Charles Sharon, the Falcons put up more numbers that ranked near the top nationally.

BG also found themselves flirting with the Top 25 throughout the season and became a regular on ESPN and ESPN2. The Falcons were so hot they were able to host ESPN College Football Gameday, college football's premiere television show.

Thanks to a 7-0 Northern Illinois squad that was nationally ranked, and a red hot BG team that had already knocked off Purdue and had Ohio State running for the hills, the game was a sell out, and everyone in attendance got exactly what they were looking for as the Falcons demolished NIU 34-18.

The win gave BG an easy road to winning the MAC West as they rolled over all their opponents including Toledo, this time 28-23.

After a Motor City Bowl win, the Falcons found themselves in the top 25 for the first time in school history.

A strong offseason has only helped this year's Falcons, who return several talented starters and one very talented, but untested quarterback, Omar Jacobs.

So that brings us to where BG is now.

With a showdown in Norman this Saturday, the Falcons can confidently look at Heisman trophy winner Jason White and his high-powered offense and say "you're going down."

Anyone saying that coming into the 2001 season would sound crazy.

# World sees a new Greece

OLYMPICS, FROM PAGE 5

"The world discovered a new Greece," said Athens 2004 president Gianna Angelopoulos-Daskalaki, who made it all happen with her fierce determination to overcome construction delays and avoid an international humiliation.

These games took us to their sacred origin in Olympia, the mythological home of the gods, to watch the shot put, to Marathon to stand on the spot where the race got its name.

We trod like pilgrims to a shrine up the dusty stones of the Acropolis to gaze with awe at the 2,500-year-old Parthenon. Our imaginations did the rest, letting us feel the spirit of Socrates, Plato and Aristotle; Pericles and Alexander the Great; Hippocrates and Herodotus; Euclid and Pythagoras — that brainy bunch who laid the foundation for our culture.

The scourge of sports — steroids, stimulants and other drugs — intruded but didn't spoil the games. A record two dozen athletes were caught, seven lost medals, and there could be more to come as the test results keep rolling in.

"Each positive test is a blessing for us because it's eliminating the cheats and protecting the clean athletes," Rogge said. "The more we find, the better."

There were scandals and controversies, as always.

Greek sprint stars Kostas Kenteris and Katerina Thanou broke their countrymen's hearts — and angered many — when they pulled out of the games after questions over missed drug tests and a suspicious motorcycle crash the night before the opening ceremony.

Three gymnastics judges were suspended after it was determined South Korean Yang Tae-young was scored improperly, costing him a gold medal that went to American Paul Hamm.

Even the final event, the men's marathon, was marred an hour before the closing ceremony when a defrocked Irish priest bolted from the crowd and grabbed the leader, Brazil's Vanderlei de Lima, about three miles from the finish. De Lima recovered and finished, but had to settle for a bronze when a protest by his track federation was rejected.

"I was scared, because I didn't know what could happen to me,

whether he was armed with a knife, a revolver or something, and whether he was going to kill me," de Lima said. "That's what cost me the gold medal."

The marathon medalists, gold winner Stefano Baldini of Italy, American silver medalist Meb Keflezighi, and de Lima received their olive wreaths and medals at the closing ceremony.

These Olympics saw the rise of China as a sports superpower as it positioned itself for the 2008 games in Beijing. The United States, buoyed by the brilliance of swimming star Michael Phelps but embarrassed by the three losses and mere bronze of its once-vaunted men's basketball team, won the most medals. Americans beat their target of 100 by three, 35 of them gold. Russia finished second with 92, including 27 gold. China was third with 63 medals, 32 gold.

Greeks gathered at cafes and tavernas in the Plaka to watch the marathon and the closing ceremony on wide screens and TV sets.

"The Greeks showed once again what they're capable of if they set their minds to it," said Yianna Mihalakopoulou, a graphic designer.

# Women take gold, show men how to win big

WOMEN'S BBALL, FROM PAGE 5

U.S. men, take note! "This is incredible," Staley said. "I have to share this with so many people. ..."

It's a lasting reward for the three players who have led the resurgence of U.S. women's basketball internationally after disappointing bronze-medal finishes in the 1992 Olympics and 1994 world championships. They gave their time to training and travel and were joined by other players similarly committed.

The result: 25 straight victories in the Olympics, three golds and two world championships.

"We had an ultimate goal and that was to win the gold medal, and we did it," said Tina Thompson, who led the United States with 18 points, including a clutch 3-pointer in the fourth quarter.

Staley, usually a passer instead of scorer, came up big with 14 points. Leslie scored 13 and Shannon Johnson had 12, including eight during a 16-2 second-half run that erased a four-point deficit.

"We held our poise like the veterans always do," said Diana Taurasi, who joined the team



**CELEBRATE GOOD TIMES:** The USA's Dawn Staley, rear, is lifted by her teammates after a 74-63 win over Australia in the gold medal game Saturday. Staley is the captain of this year's team.

after leading Connecticut to its third straight NCAA championship. "This is just the greatest. I wouldn't trade it for the world."

It certainly didn't hurt that Australian star Lauren Jackson had a miserable game, shooting 4-for-16 and managing just 12 points — a far cry from her

games-leading 24.4 scoring average.

Coach Jan Stirling said Jackson was bothered by an intestinal virus. Jackson, the WNBA's leading scorer, said that wasn't so.

"I was fine," she said. "It was just pregame nerves, nothing really. I have no regrets. We left everything on the court."

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Black Swamp Pub

• 2004 Orientation Leader Katie Stanko acoustic performance.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**

7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

**Free Kayaking in the Pool**

Cooper Pool Student Rec Center

• This free event includes staff instruction, pool and kayak use.

8:00 p.m.

**The Evasons, Marvels of the Mind**

202 Bowen-Thompson Student Union Lenhart Grand Ballroom

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9:00 p.m.

**Battle of the Bands**

202 Bowen-Thompson Student Union Lenhart Grand Ballroom

• Come hear local bands battle it out.

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8:00 p.m.

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202 Bowen-Thompson Student Union Lenhart Grand Ballroom

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# Falcons give Bengals a good whooping, 37-10

By Charles Odum  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The hamstring injury that kept Michael Vick out of Saturday night's preseason game might not have kept him out of a regular-season game.

Even so, what once was a minor injury downplayed by Vick and Atlanta Falcons coach Jim Mora is becoming a more pressing concern even though Vick's backup continues to excel.

Rookie Matt Schaub threw three touchdown passes for the second straight week, leading the Falcons past the Cincinnati Bengals and their young quarterback, Carson Palmer, 37-10, Saturday night.

Vick was held out after aggravating the injury during pregame warmups.

"It's been bothering me for a while, and that's why I think they made the decision to sit me down," Vick said. "I don't want to tweak it again and have to worry about this on a week-to-week basis."

Added Mora: "We feel having a healthy Michael Vick going into the regular season is the way to go."

"He's like one of those great sprinters or a fine race car. If they are not perfectly tweaked there is no sense in putting them out on the track, especially if it's a game that has nothing to do with the standings or with the regular season," Mora said.

For the second straight week,

Schaub was a winning backup plan, throwing touchdown passes to Alge Crumpler, Peerless Price and Dez White.

Guiding the Falcons to a 27-7 halftime lead, Schaub completed 14 of 20 passes for 214 yards and three touchdowns.

"He's taken another step," Mora said. "He can start a game and be productive."

Schaub, a rookie from Virginia, completed his first six passes, but said he wasn't satisfied with his effort.

"There are still some things I need to clean up, and I'm going to work this week to clean those things up," Schaub said.

Playing behind Vick in last week's 27-24 preseason win over Minnesota, Schaub passed for 205 yards with three touchdowns and no interceptions, but he didn't expect to see as much playing time Saturday night.

"Our offense has done a great job, and that's how we've got to play as a team," Mora said. "And that's what it's all about, it's a team sport no matter who's pulling the trigger and who's catching the ball."

Vick is only 5-of-9 for 35 yards in limited preseason action. The Falcons (2-1) play their final preseason game at Washington on Friday night.

Vick first strained the hamstring on Aug. 5, and he irritated the injury against Minnesota. He admitted it was difficult to just watch Saturday night's win,



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**DOMINATING:** Atlanta quarterback Matt Schaub eludes Cincinnati defenders during first quarter play Saturday. Schaub led the Falcons to a 37-10 thanks in part to his three touchdowns.

when the offense was so successful, compiling 364 yards with no turnovers.

Palmer completed 12 of 26 passes for 171 yards with one interception.

"They came after us," Palmer said of the Falcons. "They didn't do anything spectacular. They just won. On our part, it was a lack of execution and not playing hard enough while we were out there."

## Soccer starts with six non-conference games

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made as a team," Richards said.

Richards noted that the first six games on the team's schedule are non-conference games.

"There's always some rustiness at the beginning of the year," Richards said. "In these [non-

conference] games we'll need to iron out some creases. We hope to put those right."

With 19 returning players, the team has no lack of experience and with a talented freshman class, headed by standout Tiernay Tilford, the Falcons shouldn't have too much trou-

ble ironing out those creases. Tilford, Coppes, and forward Britt Anderson were all named to the Classic's all-tournament team this weekend.

The squad's next match will be against Michigan State next Friday at 4 p.m. at Cochrane Field.



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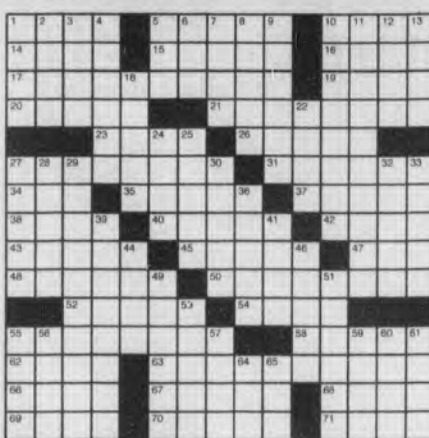
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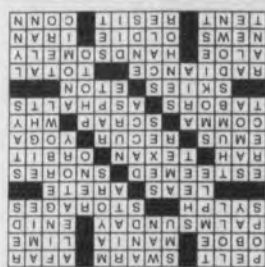
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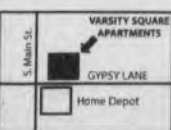
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